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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8-11 as follows.

Claim ~~8~~, line 2, delete "2, or 3,".

Claim ~~9~~, line 2, delete "2, or 3,".

Claim ~~10~~, line 2, delete "or 3".

Claim ~~11~~, line 2, delete "2, or 3,".

Please add the following new claims 14-20.

--14. An ultrasonic surgical system according to claim 2, wherein said hand switch is freely detachably attached to the operation unit of said handpiece.